**The REAL Cost of College**

**Brainstorm:**

1. How much do you think it costs to go to college for a 4 year program?
2. How do you plan to pay for college?
3. How would different college experiences affect the costs of college? For example, two year vs. four year programs; living in the dorm vs. living off-campus vs. living at home?

**Research 3 colleges of your choice.**

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| **EXPENSES:** | **College #1:** | **College #2:** | **College #3:** |
| **Tuition** |  |  |  |
| **Books and Supplies** |  |  |  |
| **Room and Board** |  |  |  |
| **Car Payment/ Transportation** |  |  |  |
| **Cell Phone** |  |  |  |
| **Eating Out/ Entertainment** |  |  |  |
| **Miscellaneous** |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL:** |  |  |  |

**Use this website:**CNNMoney.com "What will college run you?" <http://cgi.money.cnn.com/tools/collegecost/collegecost.html>.

1. Enter in the three colleges you researched above. According to that website, how much money will each college cost a year after grants and scholarships are given at a family income level of $75,000-$110,000?

College 1:

College 2:

College 3:

2. Do the same again as above in #1; instead, change the family income level to $48,000-75,000. Now how much will each college cost a year after grants and scholarships?

College 1:

College 2:

College 3:

3. Do the same again as above in #1; instead, change the family income level to less than $30,000. Now how much will each college cost a year after grants and scholarships?

College 1:

College 2:

College 3:

4. What happens to the cost of college as the family income level decreases? Does the same thing happen across all three colleges? Is this fair?